

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2012, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

Commissioner Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Eardley asked to move Item Number Four (4) on the Regular Agenda to the head of the Agenda.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Move Item Number Four (4) on the Regular Agenda to the Head of the Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PLAQUE AND DEDICATION TO JOHN WILLIE

Chairman Gardner read a letter of appreciation to Mr. John Willie, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Willie, who has served Washington County in various capacities for forty-six (46) years, also received a plaque in honor of his many contributions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment from February 8, 2012, through February 21, 2012
- Consideration of Special Commission Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2012
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement:
John Debenham, S/N SG-WSD-2; and Glenda & Leonard Kendall, S/N W-205-B
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)

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Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension to operate a gravel crusher within the OST-20 Zone, Section 16, T42S, R14W, SLBM, generally located 1/4 mile east of the Washington County Landfill. Dee Atkins, landowner / Western Rock Products, applicant.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension on a Lake to Lake Team Relay from Gunlock Reservoir to Sand Hollow Reservoir, March 3, 2012, sponsored by the City of St. George Recreation. St. George City/Aaron Metler, applicant.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval subject to signage on advance notice of event.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Review extension for a charity event for New Harmony Fire Mud Run to be held on June 23, 2012, races include a 10km/5km or 1.5 km youth, located at the Old Highway 91 Bridge in Kolob Mtn. Ranches Subdivision. Manuel "Manny" Hernandez, agent.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval, subject to receiving updated liability insurance policy for the Planning Office file on this event.

Conditional Use Permit Extension: Request permission for a charity ride Tour De St. George Spring event to be held on April 14, 2012. The route will loop from St. George up Highway 18 to Veyo, then back via the road from Veyo to Gunlock and Highway 91 back to St. George. Spin Geeks, LLC/Red Rock Bicycle, applicant.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval, subject to receiving updated liability insurance policy for the Planning Office file on this event.

- Acknowledgement of Publishing: Ordinance No. 2012-1015-O, on Saturday, February 4, 2012

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT / SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Washington County Sheriff Cory Pulsipher reported on eight (8) Search-and-Rescue missions since last month, including a hot-air balloon that blew off course, ledged-up hikers, missing children, and stranded motorists. Over one hundred (100) volunteers responded, with a total of over two hundred (200) man-hours donated.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office will be conducting training for the Swift-Water Team in late March. This is a project that has been funded by donations from the Findlay Group from a golf tournament fundraising activity last year. Sunrise Rotary has donated additional equipment to this effort. The Swift-Water Team has been a work in progress for many years and is finally in the last stages of preparation. Other agencies, such as Zion National Park and volunteer firefighters, have expressed interest in participating in this training, as well. There will be approximately twenty-four (24) members on the Team once it is in place.

The Commissioners expressed gratitude for the invaluable service of the unpaid Search-and-Rescue volunteers to their community.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / MARK BLANCH

Sheriff's Office, vehicles \$34,812.00

Several vehicles are being traded in for the purchase of three (3) new vehicles.

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Purchase Request, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

PRESENTATION BY DOUGLAS MESSERLY, REGIONAL SUPERVISOR, DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES: PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) CHECK FOR 2012

Douglas Messerly, Regional Supervisor, Division of Wildlife Resources, State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, presented a check in the amount of one hundred and twelve dollars and twenty cents (\$112.20) to Washington County, representing Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) reimbursement for state-owned lands in Washington County that are exempt from property taxes.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1016-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPERSEDING WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE TITLE 1, ADDING CHAPTER 14, IN ORDER TO DEFINE AND DESIGNATE THE BOUNDARIES OF ELECTION PRECINCTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH; INCLUDING THE ELECTION PRECINCTS OF THE UTAH STATE SENATE DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH; UTAH STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH; AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke said that this ordinance makes minor alterations to a few voting precincts. The changes were made after consultation with state officials.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Ordinance No. 2012-1016-O, An Ordinance Amending And Superseding Washington County Code Title 1, Adding Chapter 14, In Order To Define And Designate The Boundaries Of Election Precincts In Washington County, State Of Utah; Including The Election Precincts Of The Utah State Senate Districts In Washington County, State Of Utah; Utah State House Districts In Washington County, State Of Utah; And The Local School Board Districts In Washington County, State Of Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1618, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE JUSTICE COURT NOMINATING COMMISSION

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke explained that the Justice Court Nominating Commission was created a year ago, whereby whenever a justice court vacancy occurs, the Nominating Commissioner will recommend two (2) or three (3) names to the local mayor, who will then choose from that list. The term of appointment is four (4) years. The County Attorney's Office has recommended Michele Mitchell, a Deputy County Attorney, be appointed by Washington County to serve on the commission.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1618, A Resolution Appointing Deputy County Attorney Michele Mitchell to the Justice Court Nominating Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1619, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON

**COUNTY AND THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHERN PARKWAY
SEGMENT 4A**

Commissioner Drake said that this agreement is a part of the Council of Governments (COG) planning for future corridor preservation.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1619, A Resolution Approving a Cooperative Agreement Between Washington County And The Utah Department Of Transportation Regarding The Construction Of The Southern Parkway Segment 4A. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1620, A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE PRIORITY LIST OF HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PRESER-
VATION PROJECTS WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY ESTABLISHED BY
THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)**

Chairman Gardner said that the COG consists of the three (3) Commission members plus the mayors of all municipalities in the County. The COG manages the money from the annual ten dollar (\$10) vehicle registration fee collected by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and uses it to purchase roads that will be valuable for future projects. The COG has identified twenty-one (21) priority corridor preservation projects; the only difference from last year's list is that one item has been completed and therefore removed, and another item (Leeds North Interchange) has been added.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1620, a Resolution Approving The Priority List Of Highway Corridor Preservation Projects Within Washington County Established By The Washington County Council Of Governments (COG). Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1621, A RESOLUTION RE-
APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE HABITAT CONSERVATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Gardner said that Marc Mortensen, representing the citizens at large, and Chris Blake, representing the environmental groups, and Karl Wilson, representing the Mayors organization, have all been recommended for re-appointment by the Habitat Conservation Technical Committee.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1621, a Resolution Re-Appointing Marc Mortensen, Chris Blake, and Karl Wilson to the Habitat Conservation Advisory Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Drake proposed a discussion on the increasing use of Washington County roads for various recreational activities, such as runs and bicycle races. Roads such as I-18 and the Gunlock Road, a narrow roadway, seem to be especially popular. These activities may be negatively impacting citizens and local businesses, and it might be advisable for the Planning Commission Staff to address this concern in an upcoming meeting and report back to the County Commission on its findings. Perhaps there should be some limitations placed on the frequency and duration of these activities without discouraging recreation in our County. Commissioner Drake asked the Planning Commission to look at last year's schedule to see how often these roads are being used and whether it might be worthwhile to place some limitations on the granting of conditional use permits.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead reported that a meeting of the Washington County Flood Control District is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. today. He had asked for an RSVP and unfortunately only two (2) mayors responded that they would attend, so perhaps this meeting will be rescheduled.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS: CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO WASHINGTON COUNTY POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL / TRAVEL FOR COUNTY BUSINESS

Administrator Dean Cox said that occasionally the Washington County Policies and Procedures Manual requires review and revision. Under consideration today is the Travel Reimbursement Claim Form. To accommodate the changing of the allowance fee by the Internal Revenue Service for mileage reimbursement, the Human Resources Department has adapted its policy. County employees are encouraged to use County vehicles as much as possible, but now and then an employee may wish to use his or her own personal vehicle for travel on County business. In that circumstance, the County allows each Department Head the flexibility to reimburse the employee either (1) up to one-half of the IRS allowance (twenty-seven point five cents per mile), or (2) for the specific amount of gasoline used, whichever is less.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt the Revision to Washington County Policy and Procedures Manual: Travel for County Business, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

Request a Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN